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NINETY SENIORS CONTRIBUTE TO SENIOR FOLLIES SUCCESS



The Senior Class "busts a move" at the opening of Senior Follies before a packed house.

PEER OUTREACH GROUP RECEIVES TRAINING

by Dave Chase

The recently picked Oyster River High School Peer Outreach group and advisors went to Sargent Camp in Peterborough over the weekend of April 6-8.

The group includes ninth-graders Sarla DeGeorge, Chris Jerard, Jill Shapiro, Shirley Woodard, and Liz Firczuk; sophomores Brandon Ammann, Bryan Killough, Jeff Bibbo, Jamie Archie, Jen Olsen, and Lesley Anderson; juniors Stephanie Chasteen, Toby Mautz, and Melissa Geeslin. The adult advisors involved are math teacher Ginny Tagliaferro, biology

teacher Michelle Houseman, and psychologist Joseph Saxe.

Over the weekend in Peterborough, they were trained in helping others to cope with such things as alcohol and drug addiction, family problems, and stress. The weekend served as a time for the students to get to know one another, each being from various social groups.

When school starts in September, students will be able to go to a certain room during their studies to meet with a peer counselor.

A similar program was started in Newmarket a year ago. Accord-

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"New Kids" Hangin' Tough



by Marisa More

After only a week-and-a-half of rehearsals, the Oyster River High School senior class presented the 1990 Senior Follies in the cafeteria last Thursday and Friday at 8:00 pm.

About 800 people attended one of the two nights. Ticket and soda sales brought in over \$2300. Proceeds from Senior Follies will help pay for end-of-the-year senior class activities.

"The 26 skit collection was a successful combination creating laughs from everyone,"

one senior said. One thing that led to laughter was the absence of censorship on Friday night. Senior Lee Kimbach felt "Less censorship would have created less dirty skits on Friday night." Censorship of skits had been controversial in the weeks leading up to Senior Follies.

Senior Follies Director Pam Worden considered the censorship fair. "The skits that were cut," Worden stated, "were ones that people didn't think they'd get away with." One reason that was given to the seniors

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ORHS JOINS DURHAM RECYCLING EFFORTS

by Jeremy Ward

Four blue recycling containers have been placed in various places throughout the school for the recycling of cans and newspapers, according to school officials.

The four containers are located by the front door, in the teachers' room, in the front office, and in the library for newspapers. They were obtained by Assistant Principal for Student Services Nancy Winter-

bottom. She hopes people will recycle soda and juice cans instead of simply throwing things away.

Ms. Winterbottom said she grew up in a very conservation conscious family. She said "My father would charge me a nickel out of my allowance when I left the light on."

Ms. Winterbottom carried this philosophy with her to college and organized the first Earth Day at the Univ-

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STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TRYING TO LIFT "CLOUD"

by Jason Wall

On Wednesday, May 9, representatives of the Oyster River High School Cloud Committee brought recommendations before the faculty.

The Cloud Committee presented issues of teacher and student concern to the faculty during the short Wednesday meeting. These issues include the assigned studies and the current suspension policy.

The Cloud Committee meetings are open to anyone. Teachers and administrators have been attending the

meetings, as well as students. Some of the staff attending are Ms. Winterbottom, Mr. Gasowski, Mrs. Dodge, Mr. Knight, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Pomerleau, Mr. Kentner, and Mrs. Lauten. ORHS Senior Jane Eggers and Sophomores Jessica Orkin and Graham Duncan have attended all the meetings. Other students have attended most of the meetings.

The committee was Mrs. Winterbottom's idea. She discussed it with other teachers and

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Cloud committee Greg Marholly, Eric Knapp, Jane Eggers, Nancy Winterbottom, Pat Abbot, Paul Gasowski

STUDENT COUNCIL LISTENS TO A.I.D.S. PATIENTS

by Geoff Forcier

Four members of the Oyster River student council and their faculty advisor attended a lecture on A.I.D.S. which was presented at the region 6 student council meeting at Exeter High School, Wed. April 18.

Lee Rimbach, Alison Clifford, Jen Olson, Brigid Murry and Kay Whitten listened to a lecture on emotional problems resulting from A.I.D.S. The lecture

was given by Suzanne Bowman, M.A., who runs a support group and who is also a private counselor. Bowman brought with her to the meeting two A.I.D.S. patients. One had contracted the disease through a blood transfusion, the other was an intravenous drug user and considered sexually promiscuous.

When Clifford was asked about her reactions to the lecture she said, "It was absolutely incredible. I've

never been so moved by a presentation on A.I.D.S." Whitten said, "Very dramatic... it made good points about A.I.D.S. that people should know about."

Whitten and OR principal Anne Draper Brown both would like to make efforts to bring Bowman to Oyster River to speak. According to Brown, there is no available time left this year, but that preparations may be made for next year

Mrs. Hopkins in summer program

by Jeremy Ward

Oyster River High School Science Teacher Barbara Hopkins was recently chosen from applicants across the country to take part in a federally funded summer science program at the University of Northern Colorado this summer.

The program, called the Institute for Chemical Education, will take place for two weeks at the beginning of the summer and will bring together both high school and college science teachers from across the country.

The I.C.E. program, sponsored by the National Science Found-

ation, will be broken up into two, week-long sessions. The first week will give the teachers a chance to share chemical activities they use in class. "It will let me share my bag of tricks," says Ms. Hopkins.

The second week will be used as an outreach program for elementary school teachers. The elementary school teachers will learn some science demonstrations they can use to turn their students on to science at an early age. Ms. Hopkins said, "If students get a handle on theoretical

aspects of science at a young age, it won't make them so fearful later on."



Chemistry teacher Barbara Hopkins during a light moment in the Nurse's office.



LOCAL PASTOR QUESTIONS BALANCE IN TEACHING VALUES

By Bill Myers

Pastor Terry Sharbaugh of the Durham Evangelical Church spoke to the Oyster River High School Journalism class April 18 on his reservations about the Oyster River co-operative school district Health Education Curriculum.

Topics covered during the press conference included abortion, A.I.D.S., monogamous relationships and Health teacher Lou Mroz's approach to teaching.

Pastor Sharbaugh said that he didn't disagree with what was taught in the health class, but with how the material is presented. "The issue becomes whose morals get to be taught," he said.

Sharbaugh stressed that he was not opposed to the idea of health class. "I wouldn't want to see the health class get closed down," he stated.

Pastor Sharbaugh also stressed that he didn't think views that opposed his should be prohibited. "If the position you hold is worth holding, there is no need to be afraid of other positions."

The Rev. Mr. Sharbaugh did express a desire that his more conservative views be expressed alongside of



The Reverend Terry Sharbaugh speaking to the Journalism class about his concerns over the Oyster River Co-op school Health Ed. curriculum.

the more liberal ideas presented by Mr. Mroz.

Mr. Mroz responded that he would be uncomfortable with someone else teaching his class. Mroz also said that he could fairly present all sides of an issue without bias.

Sharbaugh went into detail on his views on abortion and monogamous relationships. He said that he was opposed to abortions in any situation and that if the United States were uniformly monogamous the A.I.D.S. epidemic would disappear.

E.A.R. continues planning

By Jim Poteet

Many new ideas on recycling and awareness have been suggested, as E.A.R. is hoping to branch out into the community.

"We want to get the elementary and middle schools involved and maybe a tour giving talks to other schools," said Senior

Chairperson Eric Knapp.

The group also wants to get a computer link-up with another computer in Concord which will connect them with other Environmental groups around the country. This will only be possible if the group can get a computer and modum.

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Student-directed comedy**"Man of the House" to be staged Friday May 11**

by Jenifer Marshall

Tomorrow, the student directed production of "Man of the House" will be performed. The first and only show will be in the cafeteria at 8:00. Admission is free.

The one-act comedy, directed by senior Anne Simmons will feature a cast of eleven, including seniors Eric Knapp, Bill Myers, Corrie Murray and Maureen Fleming in major leads. Other cast members include Seniors Leia Marshall, Kristie Rock, Rod Silverwood, Jim Poteet, and Sean O'Neal as well as Sophomores Alex Roy and Tim Myers.

Simmons feels positive about the play, saying "It's going

really well. I'm surprised how well people are doing. With senior follies and all, I'm surprised people have been as focused as they are."

The only real problem Simmons has run into so far is the creation of a set. She has acquired an old couch, but is worried about other props needed to complete the final set.

When asked about the experience of working with a student director, O'Neal commented "It's fun. I'm able to gain a closer relationship with a student director. It's much more relaxed."

Two actors from URH during a recent pro-

duction of William Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors."

The full production was presented to the entire school in the gymnasium. The play was well received by the student body.

**PROJECT GRADUATION '90 FEATURES CRUISE**

By Kristen Haley

The annual Project Graduation party that was to be held at the Works in Somersworth has been moved to two different locations: Casco Bay cruise in Portland, Maine and the Portsmouth YMCA.

The move of the party was due to the lack of interest by seniors about going to the Works. "We were never really asked what we wanted to do. All the decisions were made without our feelings ever being considered."

said senior Tara Truelson.

The cruise is from 12 to 3 AM and will have a disc jockey from the Portland area, pizza and soda. Then the class will go to the YMCA which has a large screen TV with a VCR, indoor and outdoor pool, outdoor volleyball and basketball courts, kitchen, and

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They have also contacted a recycling company in Wisconsin to see what kinds of recycled products they have that the school could use.

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MUSICAL COMEDY "CANDIDE" IN PRODUCTION FOR MAY 23-25

by Bill Myers

The Oyster River Drama Club's spring play, Candide, will be presented in the cafeteria May 23, 24 and 25.

Jason Pollard will play Candide in Leonard Bernstein's musical adaptation of Voltaire's novel by the same name. Steve Denson will direct the production and Richard Tappan will act as assistant producer.

The story follows the exploits of Candide, a young man who

has been trained by a wise teacher to look at everything in an optimistic light. He is set upon by one disaster and tragedy after another, and manages to see a bit of good in each one. According to Tappan, Candide is forced into the Bulgarian army, his girlfriend is kidnapped and "ravished," he is attacked by pirates, and all the while he keeps saying "This is for my own good."

The play is a complicated one to produce

as it is done in a "Theater in the round" style. It will be performed in the center of the cafeteria instead of onstage, with the audience sitting in a circle looking in. Members of the audience selected before the show will voluntarily assist in the production by producing "planted props," turning on lights by their chairs, etc.

The play is a comedy, but, according to Tappan, carries an important message, partic-

ularly for young people. "The story deals with the most improbable ability to hold on to innocence in a world that is completely corrupt. [That's] why it has a message for young people. We have an entire generation that is so infected with cynicism because of the feeling of the overwhelming corruption of humanity."

While Denson and Tappan are working together on the project, Tappan insists that Denson has complete artistic control. "I may help a few characters with their roles, but Steve will be the one to get the job done."

Other leads include Sarah Whitten as Cunegonde, Tina Mennel as the "Old Lady," Leslie Christenson as Paquette, Blake Tucker as Voltaire, Jesse Field as Maximillian, Josh Stamper as the Governor, Mairead Coughlan as the Baroness Casmira, Matt Fraser as Don Judge, and Mike Jackson as the baron.

Tappan is pleased with the show's progress. "I would say from Monday night's rehearsal, the singing sounds good, and the major characters are well into their parts."



from left to right: Leslie Christenson, Jesse Fields, and Sarah Whitten

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COMMENTARY

by Eric Sundberg

There is a new rule concerning pitching in inter-scholastic baseball games in New Hampshire. The rule states that pitchers may throw no more than nine innings per week and must have three days rest after pitching five or more innings in one game.

The national governing body of high school baseball decided after last season that each state must make a pitching rule for the 1990 high school baseball season. The body did not specify what the rule would read, leaving it up to the individual states to decide themselves. Thus, rules are likely to vary across the country.

Our very own Bobcats may be the team most affected in the state by the new rule. Coach Jamie LaChance lost his two top starters (Dave Goodman, Mike Farrell) to graduation and returns with only one player, Brad Poulin, who has seen varsity action on the mound. Poulin, plagued with injury, has yet to pitch in the regular season and LaChance has had to go with less experienced youngsters instead. The Bobcats have gotten off to a slow start, compiling a record of 2-7, giving up six or seven runs in most of these games.

With Poulin healthy the Bobcats might have won a few more games but would not have been unblemished like last year. Even though we are Bobcat faithfuls, we do support this new pitching rule.

PEER OUTREACH ATTEMPTS TO AWAKEN SOCIAL CONSCIENCE IN OYSTER RIVER

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The main reason that we are in support of this rule is that we believe that baseball is a team game. Granted, there will always be certain superstars who will carry a team so far. But allowing a mediocre team with one spectacular pitcher to have a mediocre season, enter the playoffs in eleventh or twelfth place, pitch its ace in every playoff game, and win the championship in spectacular fashion is just not right. It not only diminishes the value of every other player on the team, but the value of the entire regular season as well.

If this rule had not been instated this year and Poulin were healthy this could have been the scenario of "Poulin and the Bobcats '90."

As it is, it's only fair that the Oyster River nine is going to have a very tough road to reach the tournament, let alone repeat as champions.

The other reason that we are in favor of the rule is that it will limit an overzealous coach's use of a young arm, lessening the risk of injury.

This is not to say that all high school pitching arm injuries will be prevented. Yet if one future big leaguer avoids injury before he is even legal to drive because of the new rule, it will be well worth the trouble.

We agree with New Hampshire's new pitching rule. We believe that it will make this and following seasons more competitive and safe for all. So, good luck this year, Bobcats, looks like you're gonna need it.

believe . . .", while people can't have any idea what's going on in that person's head.

Perhaps it's a small problem: just having trouble coping with people; or maybe a larger one, such as alcoholism. Either way, it's a large issue for the person involved, and perhaps that's why they've been making the gossip headlines as bitch/slut/jerk . . . whatever.

Peer Outreach is a

EDITORIAL

CLOUD COMMITTEE AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP

With the recent formation of the Cloud Committee, Oyster River High School faculty and students are slowly pulling out of a dark, hovering, persistent attitude that have been with the evolving within the school over the recent years. In the past, relations between faculty and students has been believed to be one of constant conflict almost as though the administration and students were working on "opposite ends of the same problem."

Not much has ever been done to resolve these everwithstanding problems within the school, but we had reached a point that something had to be changed. With such a committee, faculty and students are not only able to discuss school related problems and their possible alternatives, but also are able to freely express their own personal beliefs. This allows for the ever so dominant 'teacher-student' bridge to be crossed and reconstruction started. Although many students are often intimidated by their teachers, some more than others, this committee brings all on a friendlier level and builds a less tensioned atmosphere within the school. Some issues that were not necessarily resolved but were discussed concerned T-Shirts, Fan Behavior, and decision making in general. Quite often, for example, there has been disagreement amongst many teachers as to whether or not they should give homework or tests for the following day when an activity like Senior Follies is to take place that evening.

We, the editorial staff, believe that a student can learn much more easily if that student develops a "friendship" between themselves and their teachers. In many cases, teachers have realized this and instead of constantly assulting the students with homework and tests, they listen to their comments/pleas and then schedual in the work accordingly. Fair but effective.

Perhaps most of the concerns of this year will not be changed, yet at least we are ready to pick up where we left off, next year. Finally we, the faculty and students, ahve decided to work with each other and bring this school back to an education inducing environment.



program designed to be here for students with problems both large and small. We're here to inform the student body on issues such as drugs and sexual abuse, and to learn with the school a greater awareness of ourselves and others - our needs and how to fulfill them.

We're a group of 15 students who went on a training weekend in the beginning of April where we learned a lot

others, and how to help others help themselves.

We're here for you to talk to (all meetings are held in COMPLETE confidentiality) and we're here to improve the school environment; one of the projects we're working towards as we set up our program is a student lounge.

Soon, hopefully, we'll have a bulletin board with more information and a room in

which we can work. In the meantime, if you want to talk to any one of us or have any questions of suggestions, we're here for you.

Jeff Bibbo, Stephanie Chasteen, Melissa Geeslin, Toby Mautz, Brandon Ammann, Lesley Anderson, Jamie Archie, Brian Killough, Jen Olsen, Damon Reyna, Sarla DeGeorge, Lizzie Firczuk, Chris Jerard, Shirley Woodward, and Jill Shapiro.

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ing to former Oyster River student Cliff Murphy, it has worked out well for them.

only down side of the program is that people come looking for answers, but we, the list-

eners, are just there to listen, and to help figure out problems, not solve them."

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for the censorship was: "Your audience will include parents, grandparents and young children, and for such an audience you have to use a different standard of good taste than the one you could use with an audience of just young adults."

According to Senior Class Advisor Susan Smith, "Senior Follies went very well. It brought the class together." Approximately 90 of the 119 seniors took part in the production. This was the largest percentage of seniors participating in the last few years, said Ms. Smith.

"Follies pulled the



The Sweeney Sisters deliver their favorite prison songs.



Seth Hilliker "boots" a troublesome student

people in it together," stated Worden. One senior described it as instantaneous bonding. Rimbach, on the other hand, felt, "It showed we had a lot of spirit, but it didn't bring the class together. We were just psyched to be seniors."

"A lot of different groups were represented in Senior Follies," said Ms. Smith. According to some seniors, the break down of groups and cliques began with Senior Follies.

"The directors [Worden, Joe Camacho and Jessica Winston] did a fantastic job. Even with the technical difficulties, it went fairly smoothly," added Ms. Smith.

Some unexpected drama on New York trip

by Scott Poteet

The Oyster River High School students that participated in the New York trip returned Saturday, April 28.

Overall, the students really enjoyed the four day trip in and around New York City. Many of the students felt that the best places they visited were the Hard Rock Cafe, Fifth Avenue, and Greenwich Village.

"We were given a lot of free time, which made the trip really fun," said sophomore Jen Olsen.

The students took advantage of free time, but a few times the

playing got out of hand. Senior Sean Fitzgerald and junior Matt Cloutier were wrestling in their room, and Cloutier fell and cut his ear on a table. Cloutier was escorted to the emergency room to receive twenty-four stitches in his left ear.

Senior Scott Goodman felt that the plays were better on a previous trip two years ago. Freshman Melinda Meske said, "It was great. I can't wait to go back".

The trip ended on Saturday night after a long day of sight-seeing.

Seventeen from OR celebrate Earth Day in Virgin Is. Bio. Trip

by Shelley Peters

Earth Day in the Virgin Islands was celebrated by Oyster River High School students doing a beach clean-up.

Eleven Oyster River students and six adults left for St. John on Thursday, April 19, and returned around midnight on Friday, April 27. The trip was organized by biology teachers Bob Burns and Michelle Houseman.

The eight days and

seven nights were filled with snorkeling, hiking, touring different islands, seeing the sugar plantations and petroglyphs, going to a reggae concert, talking to natives, and relaxing on the beach.

"Donkeys, goats and mongoose were everywhere," said Ms. Houseman. "What was really cool was driving on the wrong side of the road. After three days, Bob finally trusted me to drive."



Mrs. Rous poses with the Estonian students she met during her recent visit to the Soviet Union.

Rous teaches in Estonia

By Dave Chase

Oyster River High School English teacher Emma Rous recently returned from a trip to Estonia, where she taught Estonian students English.

Mrs. Rous left April 9. She taught two groups of Estonians English the week of April 16. The first of these groups consisted of twelve tenth graders who she taught for two and one half hours each day. The second of the groups consisted of twelve seniors who she had for three and a half hours each day.

Mrs. Rous commented that in her lessons she had the students write about their experiences, dreams, and themselves; not just the regurgitation of facts that they are used to writing about.

Some students wrote about a free Estonia (along with Lithuania and Latvia, it is

one of the three Soviet states fighting for their independence). One girl wrote that she feared that one of her best friends had been killed by the Soviet Army. Mrs. Rous stressed the fact that the Estonians never had a chance to write what they wanted to write and just express themselves.

"The students were extremely motivated," Rous said. "They never met any English speak-

they speak Estonian, they are forced to learn Russian." To Estonians English is the way into the International World, so they have a strong urge to learn the language.

Two of Mrs. Rous's greatest experiences of the trip were the satisfaction of being needed as a "teacher" and the comprehension of all the difficulty in that part of the world.

Portfolio testing completed for juniors

by Tristan DeGeorge

From March 15-30 a testing program for writing was taken by juniors in seven different High Schools around the area. This test was a timed test that 70 seacoast juniors participated in. Sixteen juniors from Oyster River High School participated in the testing.

The scoring of the testing was done on April 13 in Exeter. Eight teachers from various high schools participated in the scoring of the papers. Not only did the teachers score tests, they also scored portfolios of the students' previous writing in the year. "The teachers scoring found it hard to score poetry and research papers," said

Oyster River teacher Jay Simmons. Mr. Simmons added, "Even though they had troubles they came out with a 95% agreement on scores."

Within the next couple of weeks the participants in the testing will receive their scored tests. They will also get a certificate for taking the test and a letter explaining the scores from Simmons.



Flour babies experiment simulates parenting of newborn

by Jenifer Marshall

During the last two weeks of April, the Oyster River High School child development class took part in a two-week flour baby experiment to simulate the responsibilities of parenting a new-born child.

The flour baby experiment gave the class hands-on experience having to carry their flour babies to classes, to find people to babysit them, and to take on responsibility for someone other than themselves.

Taught by ORHS Home Economics teacher Anna

Nash, the child development course deals with pre-natal development and the care of newborns, as well as jobs which are available in the field of child care.

According to Senior Kristie Rock, "In the beginning it was really fun, like a joke, but then it got old. Bags of flour are heavy. I think it was a learning experience, but it cannot compare to having a baby." She added, "It changed my views a bit towards child rearing. You lose all your freedom, and after pricing

baby food, I realize how expensive it is."

The class was given the choice between egg babies and flour babies, but chose the less-fragile flour babies. Flour babies also looked like more fun, one student said.

Now that their major quarter grade is over, the students of child development are starting a project on children of other countries. It includes infant mortality, family life, medical care, and children's stories.



The child development class displays the flour babies they have parented for two weeks

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ersity of New Hampshire on April 22, 1970.

Ms. Winterbottom also emphasized that she had talked to members of the Environmental Awareness Research Group about beginning a recycling program at ORHS, but had not heard anything from them to date. She said, "I would love to work with the EAR group, but it is going to be better if we work on it together. I think sometimes adults need to sit back and let the kids do it."

EAR organizer Tara Truelson said that she had talked with Ms. Winterbottom about recycling. The EAR group decided to concentrate on an assembly they are planning and put the recycling idea on the back burner until the assembly is organized.

The assembly, tentatively planned for next week, would feature four guest speakers, Truelson said.

As far as recycling goes, the group is waiting for response from a paper company in Wisconsin which supplies recycled paper products.

The group has also been working on either recycling styrofoam products from the cafeteria, or finding alternatives to styrofoam.

FINE ARTS REQUIREMENT TO BE DROPPED FOR '91

by Jenifer Marshall

Next year at Oyster River High School the one-half Fine Arts credit required for the graduating classes of 1991, 1992 and 1993 will be dropped, according to ORHS art teacher Bill Childs.

The Fine Arts credit put into effect in 1989 by the state, will be dismissed in all New Hampshire High schools. A particular school system may choose to keep the requirement.

Although ORHS will be revoking this requirement, Mr. Childs does not feel it will affect the enrollment

of quality of his art classes. Art has always received a decent amount of enthusiasm, he said. Even prior to this requirement, many of the students affected by this requirement felt positive about taking an art class that they might not otherwise have considered.

Junior Jesse Fields commented, "What the state did by taking away the requirement was unfair, but they had to make the change, so they had to do it sometime. Besides, art was fun!"

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TENNIS TEAMS CAUGHT IN ADMINISTRATIVE NIGHTMARE

The Oyster River boys' and girls' tennis teams have been caught in an administrative nightmare. They are scheduled to play large schools all season, but then they will compete in the smaller, intermediate class tournament. It is a shame for either of the two teams not to make the playoffs because of records compiled against tougher competition than any other class I school.

At the beginning of this season the N.H. Tennis Association decided that one division with many teams both boys and girls was too large. They broke the teams into classes as is done with other sports.

Oyster River ended up in the intermediate class with other schools their own size. Later on the committee decided to move Oyster River to the large class I because of their traditionally strong tennis program.

After schedules were made, the committee reversed its earlier decision and decided that O.R. should be classed according to size. Unfortunately the schedule had already been drawn up matching Oyster River with class L schools.

Finally O.R. was scheduled in class L for the regular season. If their record qualifies them, they will play in the class I playoffs.

It is very unfair that O.R. should have to play more competitive, larger schools to qualify for the less competitive class I playoffs.

Other class I teams play an easier schedule to qualify for the same tournament.

The boys are now 3 and 2 and looking toward the playoffs. The scheduling problem didn't hurt them as much as the girls' team which is 4-7, and might not make the playoffs.

Next year the two teams will play class I schools all season to enter the class I playoffs, clearly a more fair arrangement than this season.

Advisor Positions Vacated

by Brandon Gray

Within the past week, several posts have been vacated for student advisors.

The newly opened positions include yearbook advisor, sophomore and senior class advisors, and the newly formed community service advisor. Yearbook advisor was vacated upon the resignation of Steve Denson. Michelle Houseman gave up sophomore advisor in order to become the advisor of the peer outreach group, while Susan Smith abdicated her long-held spot as student advisor.

The new community service advisor, created by the school

board, is to be in charge of coordinating student volunteers at soup kitchens and in the Big Buddy program.

Principal Ann Draper Brown said all vacant spots other than community service advisor will have been filled in the near future. Because they must first be okayed by the school board, Ms. Brown was unable to give names of the interested candidates. She did, however, assure that all candidates were faculty members, and saw this as a benefit. "It lets students relate with teachers in another way besides the classroom," she said.

Six new coaching jobs available in OR Athletics

by Toby Mautz

Oyster River High School Athletic Director Dave Nichols is in search of six new coaches for the 1990-1991 seasons.

ORHS needs coaches for girls' varsity soccer, cross country, winter and spring track, JV volleyball, and boys' freshman basketball.

This seemingly overwhelming job is one that does not worry Mr. Nichols. "I will not hire anyone until I have somebody worth hiring," he stated.

There have been several applicants for the girls track team, one for girls' soccer, and one for boys' freshman basketball. There have yet to be applicants for the girls' JV volleyball position.

Mr. Nichols is hoping to get more applicants now that there are a few teaching positions open. A teaching position helps attract coaches from other areas. "A person would not likely move just for a high school coaching position," Mr.

Nichols said.

The yearly pay for the position varies from as low as \$1128 for JV volleyball and freshman basketball to up to \$2495 for boys' varsity hockey and basketball. The girls' varsity soccer and track positions offer \$2164.

The salaries are negotiated by the school board and the teachers' guild. They are based on the number of games played and the time of the practices.

Unlike some schools, OR has no requirement to hire its own teachers. One reason Nichols would want to hire a teacher is that they would tend to stay in the area longer. "If you end up changing coaches every year, you really hurt the teams," Mr. Nichols said.

Mr. Nichols says he will not rush to hire any unworthy applicants. If he gets a group of ten fair applicants, he will wait until he gets one really good applicant.

Mrs. Whaley receives \$3,000 Fellowship

by Toby Mautz

Oyster River High School Women's Literature Teacher Elizabeth Whaley has just been granted a \$3000 National Fellowship for Independent study in the Humanities.

Ms. Whaley and 171 other teachers were selected out of 1400 applicants for the fellowship sponsor by the Council for Basic Education.

The Fellowship consists of reading and reporting on a selection of fiction and non-fiction stories by women authors from non-western countries. Ms.

Whaley is hoping to learn about women's experiences, perspectives, values, and ideas. It is only recently that the literature written by women from India, Burma, Vietnam, Korea, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iran, and Africa has become available. She stated that she is hoping to learn about "Our Global Neighbors."

The grant of \$3000 will be divided in two different ways. Ms. Whaley will receive \$2800 for her readings, and the ORHS library will be given the remaining \$200 for the purchase of new books.

Last year ORHS Literature and the Land teacher Emma Rous was granted a Fellowship. Ms. Whaley stresses other teachers should apply for these grants



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multipurpose room. A continental breakfast will be served in the morning and the class will return to ORHS seven the next morning.

Parents are involved in getting monetary donations from local businesses as well as a \$25 donation from each family, door prizes, and food (which can also be donated by parents).

The Senior Class was given a questionnaire to fill out about where they would like to hold the party in the beginning of April, and the choices were: Isle of Shoales cruise; Mt. Washington Steamship cruise, The works and the YMCA. Canobie Lake Park was also contacted but couldn't fulfill the request. Water Country did not respond when contacted.

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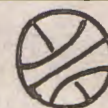
students, and they began to hold meetings. Ms. Winterbottom is, however, disappointed with the decreasing number of students at each meeting.

The name "Cloud Committee" was coined by Mrs. Dodge who seems to feel there is a sort of cloud of discontent





Sports



GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM PULLS OFF FOUR WINS

by Troy Archie

The Oyster River Women's Tennis Team is going slow but steady for the beginning of the season. Although only three victories were achieved, most games were close; most of the losses being by only a few points.

The team is strong, with number one seed Marnie Hylton, a junior, and number two

seed Laurie Paquette, also a junior.

The main weakness of the team lies in the doubles matches, where many points are lost. It is felt that, with seven games remaining, the team has a good chance for the playoffs if they improve their doubles matches and start gaining the few points they need to win games.



Meredith Sawyer smiles after a sweet victory

*Tennis
Anyone?*



Scott Goodman makes contact for the Bobcats as Brad Poulin looks on.

BASEBALL TEAM CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE

by Eric Sunberg

The Oyster River High School Baseball team dug itself a hole that it couldn't quite get out of Tuesday, losing to Goffstown 7-5.

According to Senior Scott Goodman, "We just fell apart in the sixth inning." With two outs in the bottom of the sixth, and Goffstown is ahead 4-2, the Bobcats looked as though they may get out of the inning in good shape to make a run at the lead. This was not to be however.

Two grounders to third were misjudged by Junior Matt Cloutier. These two errors chased Oyster River's starter, Sophomore Greg Provencher, from the mound. Ironically, Provencher was replaced by Cloutier. Senior Erin Marcotte filled the void at third. Goffstown must have thought

that they had a good thing going because they hit one more grounder to third that was bobbled for an error before the side was retired. All told, Goffstown picked up three runs to boost their lead to five, 7-2.

By now the fat lady was warming up her vocal chords, although the Bobcats did mount a mini-comeback in their half of the seventh. After Sophomore Kevin Haley struck out, Senior Chris Mautz walked, as did Marcotte and Goodman to load the bases. Senior Brad Poulin knocked into first two walkers on a sharp single. Junior Josh Hogdon drove in Goodman with another single. But after Seniors Matt Ginsberg and Matt Burke both pinch-hit and flied-out the fat lady began her song.

Errors plagued the Bobcats all day. In the bottom of the fourth, with two outs and the score tied at two, the Goffstown baserunners were in the motion at the crack of the bat. By the time Hogdon had dropped a high pop-fly at shortstop, two Redskins had crossed the plate to boost their lead to 4-2.

The Bobcat's record now stands at two wins and seven losses. According to Goodman, they will have to win four out of their last seven games to qualify for post-season play. This is not a good thing for a young team whose confidence is nearly shattered.

"I think we can turn it around if our mindset changes. If we get into the playoffs and everyone's healthy we'll be fine," commented Mautz.

SOFTBALL TEAM STILL HAS TEAM SPIRIT DESPITE DISAPPOINTING RECORD OF 1-8

On May 4th, the Oyster River High School's Softball team lost to Somersworth in a close game 7 to 6.

Going into the 6th OR was leading by 2 runs. However, in the top of the 6th Somersworth batted in 3 runs to go ahead by 1. With OR runners on 1st and 3rd in the bottom of the 7th with 2 outs, OR just couldn't come up with the runs to win.

On May 2nd OR traveled to Kingswood and came home with their first win of the season. In the eighth inning with two outs and down by three Deanna Comtois hits a 3RBI triple to tie the game. Bottom of the 10th inning game all tied up, OR bats in 2 runs to win the game.

OR traveled to Goffstown on May 1st only to lose 10-0. "We

just couldn't get hits when we needed them," stated Julie Walsh.

"The game against Somersworth was the best game we have played so far this season," commented coach Cathy Baker. "If we play like we did against Somersworth we should be able to win most of our remaining games," Comtois commented.

TRACK

GIRLS' TRACK SECOND IN LONDONDERRY MEET

by Laura Thibault

The girls' track team placed second in their April 28 meet in Londonderry by placing first in six categories.

Senior Lisa Barney won the long jump and the 100 meter hurdles. Senior Janet Moore won the 300 meter hurdle. Senior Amy Martin won the 3,200 meter run. The 4 X 400 meter relay was won by Barney.

Ninth-grader Ambre Proulx, sophomore Mara Kearns, and Moore.

The 4 X 800 meter relay was won by Amy Martin, junior Jen Thompson, sophomores Katrin Bergeron and Amy Levesque.

Juniors and seniors participated in the Junior/Senior Invitational at Spaulding on May 4. Ninth-graders and sophomores ran in a freshman/sophomore meet in Salem on May 5.

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